

In the claims:

Claims 1-7 cancelled.

8. (new) An expansible anchor composed of metal for affixing a component to a substrate, the expansible anchor comprising an anchor element provided with fixing means for fixing the component and an expansion zone that widens in a direction of insertion of the expansible anchor; an expansion sleeve having a body, a plurality of expansion tongues and at least one cutter for creating an undercut, said expansion sleeve being mounted on said anchor element so as to be axially displaceable, said expansion tongues each being connected to said body of said expansion sleeve along a predetermined bending line, said expansion sleeve consisting completely of hardened steel, and said predetermined bending lines of said expansion sleeve being straight.

9. (new) An expansible anchor as defined in claim 8, wherein said expansion sleeve is configured as a bent stamped component.

10. (new) An expansible anchor as defined in claim 8, wherein said expansion zone of said anchor element has a widening portion with flat side surfaces.

11. (new) An expansible anchor as defined in claim 1; and further comprising a spacer sleeve.

12. (new) An expansible anchor as defined in claim 1, wherein said anchor element has key-engagement surfaces in a region of said fixing means.

13. (new) A setting tool for setting an expansible anchor composed of metal for affixing a component to a substrate and including an anchor element provided with fixing means for fixing the component and an expansion zone that widens in a direction of insertion of the expansible anchor; an expansion sleeve having a body, a plurality of expansion tongues and at least one cutter for creating an undercut, said expansion sleeve being mounted on said anchor element so as to be axially displaceable, said expansion tongues each being connected to said body of said expansion sleeve along a predetermined bending line, said expansion sleeve consisting of hardened steel, and said predetermined bending lines of said expansion sleeve being straight, wherein the setting tool has key-surfaces configured to correspond the key-engagement surfaces provided in said anchor element in a region of said fixing means, a driving surface, and an adapter device.

14. (new) A setting tool as defined in claim 13, and further comprising a sleeve-like body part provided with said key-surfaces on an inner side and said driving surface on an end face.